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1. [REDACTED] OTR/PERS, referred the note from [REDACTED] to me. Coincidentally, we had also received a note from Edith this week, and I was in the process of sending a copy to you with an explanatory note. So let me combine my answer. (This was intended as a pink routing sheet note but I got long winded as usual!)

2. During preliminary EPM Fellowship briefings in OTR, Edith continually questioned allowances, per diem rates, et cetera. The former RS-TSB had carefully explained to each of the Fellows, as well as other employees going out on long-range programs, that the special rate had been established by a committee, chaired by the former Chief of Support, OTR, and findings were based on input from other Government agencies as well as internal Agency study. The established rate was approved by the ADDA [ADDS]. When per diem rates were raised earlier this year, OTR again began a study as to whether the special TDY rate should be raised. At that time the 1975-76 students were preparing to leave the area, undergoing various briefings, et cetera, and we explained to each that they would be processed under the present system and if there was a change, based on debriefing returning students and the above re-evaluation, we would so advise. We also asked them to feed back informally information on other Fellows' allowances. This, of course, is what Edith has done; hers is the first we've received from our six Fellows.

3. Then in the summer meeting of the Civil Service Commission's Interagency Advisory Group on Training, the Director, Bureau of Training, CSC stated that one of his major concerns is the wide disparity in per diem rates at programs attended by Government employees, particularly those where meals and lodging are included ~~and~~ long-range training programs, such as the EPM Fellowships. A steering committee was then appointed under the chairmanship of the Veterans Administration representative on the IAG, and I was asked to serve on this committee. Two meetings have been held thus far, and there is unbelievable disparity between Government agencies on allowances for the EPM. For the first meeting I received permission from the "powers that be" to declassify and submit the DDA back-up papers on our present system, how it was arrived at, input from other agencies, et cetera. (The Chairman has reported informally that the Agency's system was the most thoroughly staffed and had the soundest base of any submitted). To sum up, as soon

as we receive input from the other BPM Fellows, and OF has compiled debriefing information from returning students, we will, in line with the ongoing CSC committee investigation, recommend either no change in the system or a revision.

4. We'll also send you a copy of our reply to Edith's letter. She sent us several pages of receipts and claims for various supplies and books, and we're now in the process of going over these.

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For your info here's the per diem being received by the other EPM students at Cornell. Same as last year - we're at the bottom!

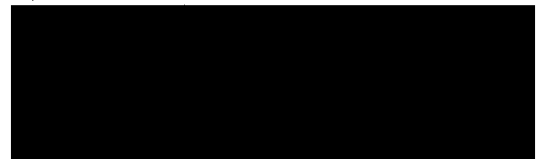
Customs - \$14 a day plus housing (his apt. is \$288 per mo.)

Defense Supply Agency (Boston) \$21 a day

Veterans Admin - \$19.30 a day (based on paying his rent plus \$9 a day)

Justice, LEAA, Atlanta - \$33 for 14 days, then \$20 a day

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